

# **Dorset Street Playground**

## **Consultation Report**

**February 2009**

## Introduction

Children are at the heart of many services throughout Sheffield. Their involvement in the planning, delivery and evaluation of services affecting them is critical for ensuring a service is efficient and based on actual need

Article 12 of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child states that,

“Children and young people have a right to express an opinion on any matter affecting them and to have that opinion taken into account”.

This statement is supported in Sheffield through the Sheffield Children and Young People's Plan and the Sheffield Children and Young People's Participation Strategy.

The Children's Voices Project is firmly committed to this principle and is leading on consultation and participation work with children in Sheffield.

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## Executive Summary

Children's Voices were approached by Sheffield Homes to consult with children living in the Broomhall area about Dorset Street playground. Children's Voices ran two days of consultation – one at the playground itself on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and the second at a playscheme run at Broomhall Community Centre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The children were asked for their views on the current play equipment and were asked to tell us about what they liked to do in a playground and what stops them from playing at Dorset Street playground.

## Key findings

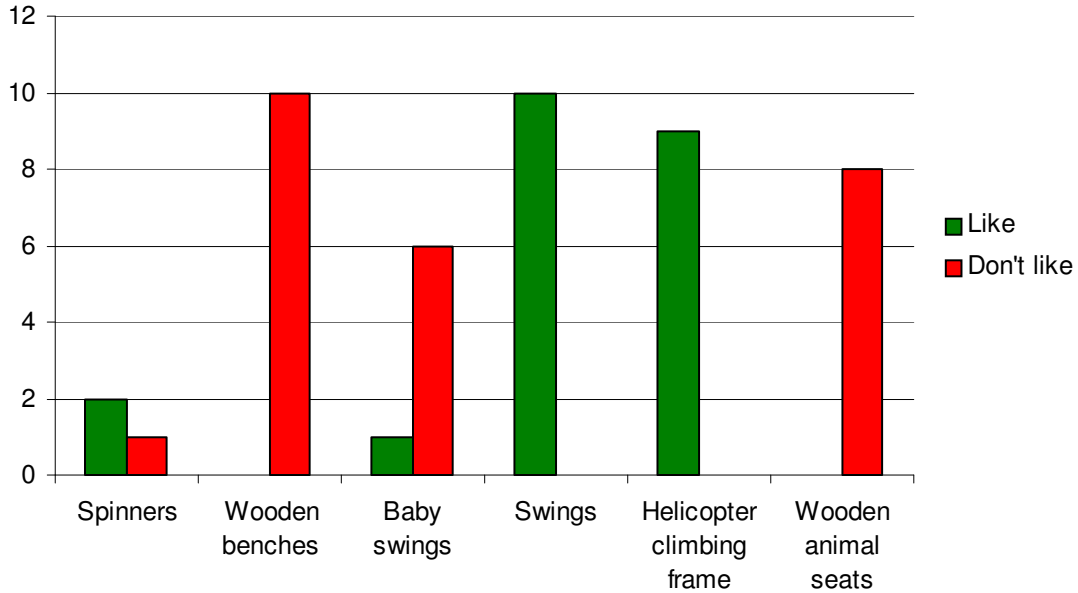
A summary of the key findings from the children's responses is presented below:

- Currently, children like to play on the swings and helicopter climbing frame the most
- Children use the helicopter climbing frame to play football, using the uprights as goal posts
- Currently, children don't like the wooden benches and wooden animal seats
- Children would like nest swings and climbing frames
- Children would not like talk tubes and play trails
- Children would like to play with water, chill out and play with balls at the playground
- Strangers, teenagers and dog poo stops children from playing
- Most children feel either very or quite safe in the playground
- The children thought that primary school children are most likely to use this playground

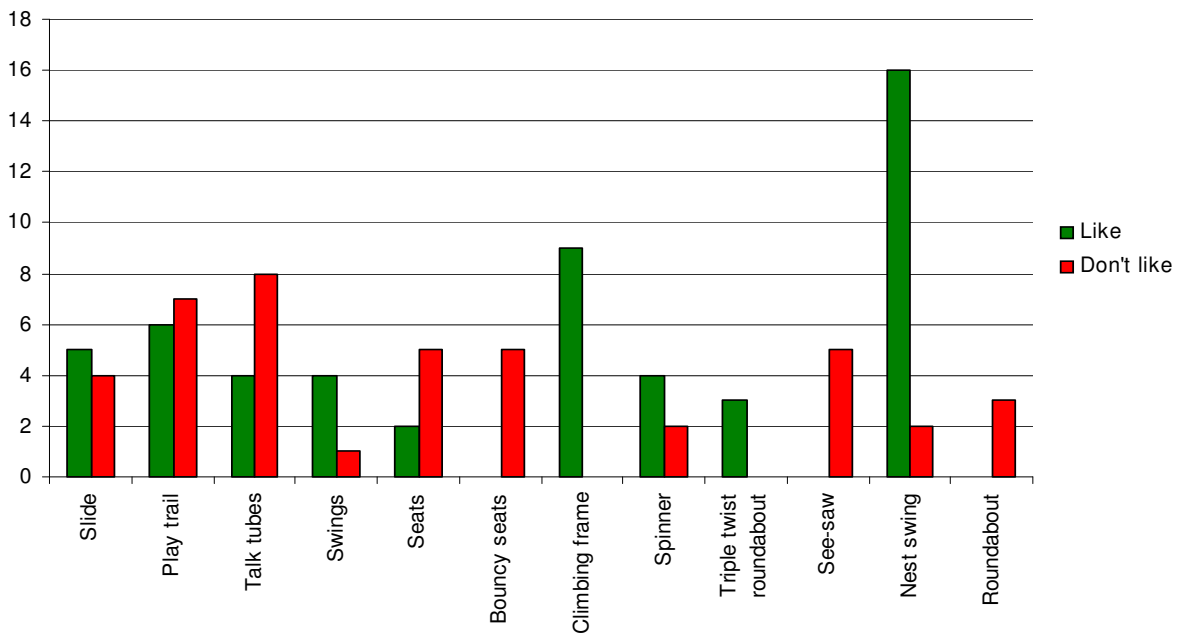
## Consultation findings

The following is a breakdown of all the findings:

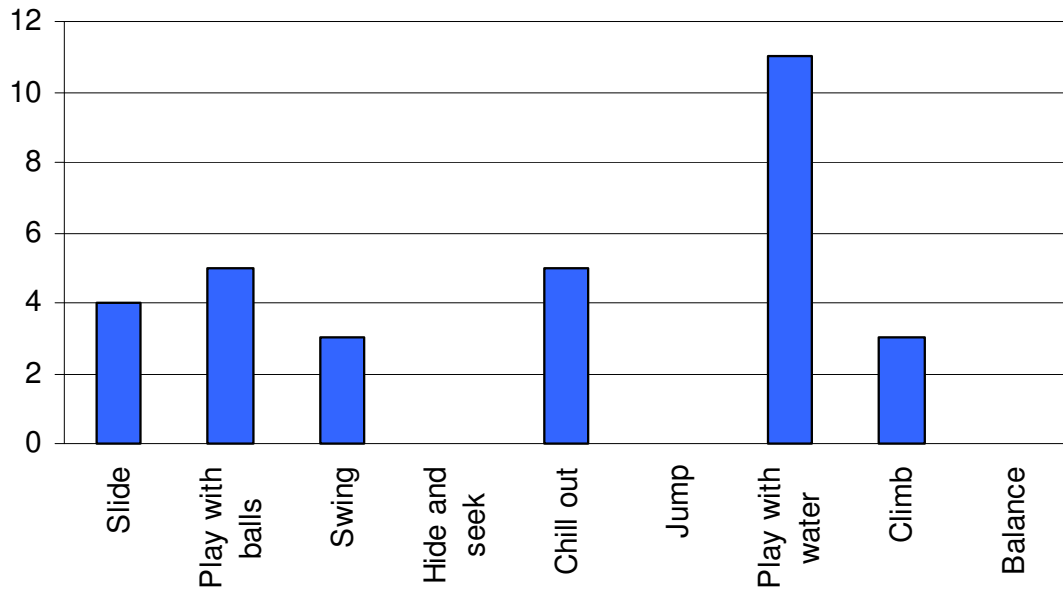
### What are your favourite and least favourite things to play on at the playground?



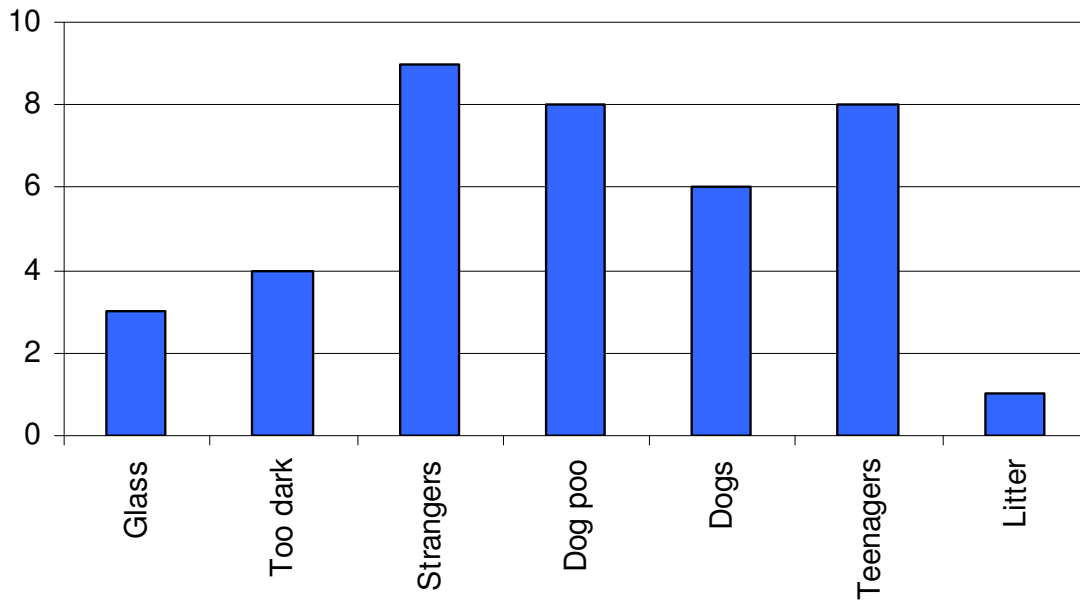
### What new equipment would you like at the playground?



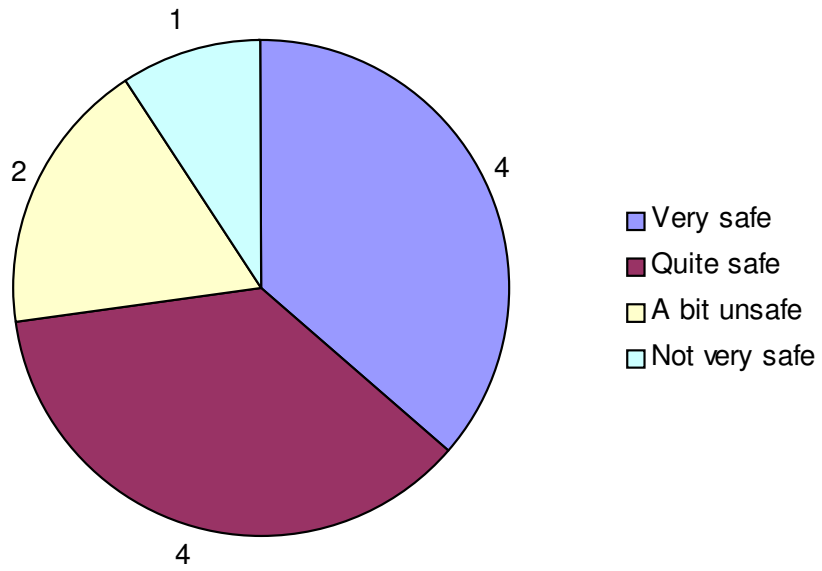
### What do you like to do at the playground?



### What stops you from playing?



### How safe do you feel at the playground?



### Who do you think will use this playground the most?

